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Doug,

Hello. I hope all is well at Jersey City. To answer your question, or try to steer you in the right direction this is what I found.

On our webpage: <http://www.epa.gov/region2/passaicriver/>

Passaic River

The sediments of the lower Passaic River, the longest river in New Jersey, and Newark Bay are contaminated with a variety of hazardous substances, including dioxin, PCBs, mercury, DDT, pesticides and heavy metals. The entire Newark Bay region, including the lower Passaic, is under a fish and shellfish consumption advisory due to the contamination over the past 100 years by numerous sources along the river.

EPA's work on the river is divided into three areas:

The Diamond Alkali Superfund Site was added to the Superfund National Priorities List because of hazardous substances present at several properties in Newark and in the Passaic River, which borders the properties. Three areas comprise the site: the Newark properties, the lower Passaic River, and the Newark Bay Study Area, and EPA treats each as a unique part of its investigation and cleanup efforts. The Lower Passaic River Restoration Project is a partnership of federal and New Jersey agencies designed to remediate contaminated sediments, improve water quality, restore degraded shorelines, restore and create new habitats and enhance human use along a 17-mile stretch of the lower Passaic and in several tributaries from Dundee Dam near Garfield, New Jersey to Newark Bay.

The selection and commencement of an early action for the Passaic River remediation and the acceleration of the pace of the study regarding final remediation is one of EPA Regional Administrator Alan J. Steinberg's seven primary action goals for Region 2.

EPA has reached agreement with 73 companies considered potentially responsible for contaminants in the lower Passaic River. The agreement, contained in an Administrative Order on Consent [PDF 219 kB,

50 pp], calls for the parties to pay for the completion of the comprehensive study of contamination and possible cleanup approaches for 17 miles of the lower Passaic River.
The Newark Bay Study , which includes the bay and portions of the Hackensack River, Arthur Kill and Kill Van Kull, will assess the nature and extent of contamination in the Newark Bay area and develop cleanup plans to address those problems, as necessary.

So for Diamond Alkali, contact following people:

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And for Newark Bay Study, the contact is Elizabeth Butler, info given above.

Good luck. I'm sure one of them can help you find the answer to your question.

Best regards,

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Subject Superfund site question

Young:

Hi. I am trying to find out if the Lower Passaic Superfund site would impact the ability to put foundations in the bed of the Hackensack River for a potential future light rail extension. Do you know who would be able to tell me the boundary of the Superfund site? The polluter was Diamond Shamrock.

Thanks,

Doug